

Timely Tidbits ...

Voter Registration Deadline Nears

Romulus residents who are not yet registered to vote, but would like to participate in the September 15 Primary Election for mayor and clerk, must register by Monday, August 17.

For information, contact the City Clerk's office: 734-942-7540.

Back-to-School Physicals

The Wayne County Health Authority will co-host a week of back-to-school physical examinations at the Western Wayne Family Health Center's new Taylor location (26650 Eureka Road) from Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21. The clinic will be open each day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., with final registration ending at 1:30 p.m. daily. Patients who arrive after 1:30 p.m. will be able to make appointments for the following day.

The goal of the event is to supply youths with comprehensive well-child exams, including dental/vision/hearing screenings, lead testing, and recommended immunizations.

Participants can also learn about Medicaid health plans and fill out applications to improve their access to health-care resources.

"People in this area are under such economic strain that a lot of parents can't afford well checks," said Michele Calloway, Medicaid Outreach manager for the Health Authority. "This is our way of making sure kids get the care they need and remain physically fit."

Free School Supplies

School-age children residing in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties may be eligible for free school supplies, books, and/or other essential items through Operation Kid Equip. Books are targeted toward ages 4-9; other supplies are appropriate for all ages.

To qualify, a child must be approved for his/her school's free/reduced-cost lunch program.

All items must be picked up at a date and time specified by OKE.

Visit www.operationkidequip.org to fill out an online application. The registration deadline is August 15. □

Dingell Responds To Parent's Questions on Health Care

Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15), who was verbally attacked by a man during a health-care forum held in Romulus last week, has responded to the man and his concerns with an open letter.

Washtenaw County resident Mike Sola, whose adult son suffers from cerebral palsy, was one of a multitude of protestors who came to the Romulus Athletic Center meeting site on August 6 to express their doubts about how House Resolution 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act, would affect them and their families. But, the crowd's loud, often unruly behavior made it difficult for Dingell to share information about the plan, which the Congressman said has been both misrepresented and misunderstood.

Dingell's letter – which follows – attempts to answer some of the doubting public's most frequently asked questions.

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"Dear Mr. Sola,

"I know you left last week's health care reform town hall in Romulus without answers to your question about what the bill does to help people with disabilities. I attempted to explain an amendment which was adopted by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, but sadly before I was able to give the details of that amendment, the crowd became disruptive. In my more than 50 years as a member of Congress I have always worked to represent my constituents, the great people of Michigan's 15th Congressional District, well.

"In our exchange, I mentioned an amendment that I offered that would help disabled Americans, like your son, Scott. That amendment is the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act, which would create a new, voluntary national insurance program for adults who become functionally disabled. This legislation will preserve the dignity of people who, despite their functional impairments, wish



Congressman John D. Dingell

to continue living the American Dream –
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Mayoral Challenger Sharrow Says Romulus Needs Change

Charles Sharrow, one of three candidates running for mayor in the Romulus primary election set for September 15, says his biggest concern is the folks in his community.

"My main goal is to have Romulus grow and flourish, making this community so desirable that folks are proud to say, 'We live in Romulus,'" he stated.

Despite his lack of political experience, Sharrow feels that his career skills and background as a four-year Marine Corps veteran, husband, father, and community member have prepared him to assume stewardship of the city.

"I have qualified leadership skills," said Sharrow, who, before his retirement in 1988, reached the position of Department Manager IV with the Wayne County Road Commission at Detroit Metro Airport. His duties, according to Sharrow, included:

- working with several unions to settle union grievances;
- responsibility for various fire department, emergency, safety, and security personnel; and
- ordering equipment (such as that used for snow-removal) for airport operations.

Since leaving the County, he has worked 21 years for Jack Anglin Construction, Inc.

Sharrow draws on his lifelong residency in Romulus when discussing his desire to offer "incentive programs" to "encourage outside businesses to move to Romulus,"

and thereby help families find employment in their hometown.

"We need small Mom and Pop business," he explained. "Sixty years ago, we actually had more in this township than we do today as a city. We had a theater, jewelry store, dime store, pool hall, skating rink, steel foundry, Secretary of State office, and, of course, two drug stores with a soda shop inside ...

"Now," he continued, "we have none of these things, not even a restaurant in our downtown area. Matter of fact, we have several empty buildings and roads that are terrible (recently halfway fixed).

"Instead, we have the Landing Strip in our downtown area that our city council voted to reopen."

Sharrow believes that small businesses would bring life back to the community.

"Romulus has lots of potential; after all, we're the gateway to the world!" he said.

When asked why he was running for mayor, Sharrow said only, "Romulus needs change ..."

Sharrow and his wife Brenda have raised "three law-abiding citizens that love Romulus and serve in this community." His history of community involvement includes coaching Little League and maintaining playing fields, hosting Homecoming float meetings, helping to build the Romulus Veterans Memorial, being an active member of Romulus Calvary Church, fostering hard-to-place children in his home, help-

ing to organize a mock airplane crash site at Metro Airport, and serving as a volunteer firefighter at Romulus Station #2.

"What better way to serve your community than to help save someone's home or life?" he asked.

For more information about Charles Sharrow's campaign, contact him by telephone at 734-942-9078 or by e-mail at Sharrow4mayor@yahoo.com. □



Charles Sharrow says his prime concern is the folks in Romulus, and promises to maintain an open-door policy if elected mayor.

Dingell Responds To Parent's Questions

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working, supporting their families, and living at home. This amendment, which I cosponsored with Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ), passed by voice vote on day three of the healthcare markup.

"The CLASS Act is widely supported by many disability groups including United Cerebral Palsy, American Association of People with Disabilities, Assisted Living Federation of America, National Council on Aging, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, and the Catholic Health Association of the United States (a complete list is attached). The legislation is based on the principles of independence, choice, and empowerment, and creates a framework to help individuals gain access to the care they need to live independently. I first introduced this as a stand-alone bill in 2007 (H.R. 3001) and again this year as H.R. 1721. The CLASS Act passed as part of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee's health care reform bill and is one of the Obama Administration's priorities. Attached is a copy of the amendment.

"Beyond the CLASS Act amendment, there are other parts of H.R. 3200 that will guarantee care for your son. First, this bill ends the insurance practice of denying coverage due to a pre-existing condition or charging higher premiums based on health status and gender. If your son ever had to buy insurance on his own, he would be guaranteed coverage. In addition, the bill ends lifetime limits on benefits. With the status quo, no such guarantee exists.

"Also, H.R. 3200 will ensure that no one will ever again go bankrupt because of medical bills. The bill ends lifetime limits on benefits, which should bring a particular comfort to all families who have a loved one with a disability because they often need a lot of costly medical care.

"H.R. 3200 will protect Americans by requiring all health plans to provide a certain level of core benefits. Health insurance plans can offer more than the core benefits and we expect them to do so. However, the *minimum* benefits every plan will be required to provide includes:

- Hospitalization.

- Outpatient hospital and outpatient clinic services, including emergency department services.
- Professional services of physicians and other health professionals.
- Such services, equipment, and supplies incidental to the services of a physician's or a health professional's delivery of care in institutional settings, physician offices, patients' homes or place of residence, or other settings, as appropriate.
- Prescription drugs.
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services.
- Mental health and substance use disorder services.
- Preventive services, including those services recommended with a grade of A or B by the Task Force on Clinical Preventive Services and those vaccines recommended for use by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Maternity care.
- Well baby and well child care and oral health, vision, and hearing services, equipment, and supplies at least for children under 21 years of age.

"Finally, your son will have a range of options when it comes to insurance plans. He will be able to keep his current plan, if so desired. *No one will force him into any plan against his will.*

"As a father I understand your concern. We all want the best health care for our children and loved ones. That is exactly why I sponsored H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009. I strongly believe that quality, affordable health care is a right for all Americans, regardless of age, gender, disabilities and race. I believe this bill will give all people the peace of mind that comes from knowing that regardless of what twists and turns life brings, health insurance will always be available and affordable.

"Should you have specific questions about how the plan would affect you and your son, please do not hesitate to contact my office with those questions. We are happy to help explain how this bill might affect any Medicare or Medicaid benefits your son is entitled to and likely receiving."

John D. Dingell □

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Guest Commentary

Former Romulus City Clerk Seeks Office

Dear Romulus residents:

My name is Raymond Cantrell. I am a former City Clerk for the City of Romulus and I am a candidate for City Clerk in the upcoming election.

My wife Betty and I have lived in Romulus for the biggest part of our lives. We have been married for 26 years, and have five children and eight grandchildren. All of my children have attended Romulus Community Schools.

As a past employee of the City, I have worked under three different administrations. I have worked at both the Department of Public Works and City Hall, totaling eight years of experience. I was Purchasing Director for six years and City Clerk for two years. I have been employed by Lower Huron Supply Co. for the past 26 years.

I am the only candidate for the position of City Clerk who has actually been the City Clerk. I have the experience and the knowledge of the office, and have dealt with decisions that have to be made on an administrative level. That experience can only be achieved by doing the job, and I have done the job. As City Clerk, I will make every effort to utilize modern technology to make the Clerk's office operate more efficiently.



Raymond Cantrell

I have served in the past as President of the Romulus Jaycees, Goodfellows, and the AFSCME union local for department heads in the City of Romulus.

It would be a great honor to serve you, once again, as City Clerk, and I ask that you support me on September 15.

Sincerely,
Raymond Cantrell
734-740-1581 □

Solar School Bus Stop Lights Coming

The Taylor Board of Education has embraced the City of Taylor's Adopt-A-Watt™ clean energy program. On July 14, the Board unanimously voted to move forward with sponsored solar school bus stop lights through the National Adopt-A-Watt Program. Adopt-A-Watt is designed to increase safety for school children and generate new revenue for clean energy projects for the Taylor School District and the City, which initiated the program months ago. It is projected that 50 solar lights will be installed at Taylor school bus stops. Sponsorships will completely pay for the lights.

Revenue raised in excess of the cost of the lights will be divided evenly between the School District and City. The excess funds can be used for any purpose that reduces fossil fuel consumption and operating costs. Projects under consideration include the purchase of new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles for the City and, for the School District, cleaner burning biodiesel fuel for school buses or even large-scale solar electric systems for school buildings.

The cost for sponsoring solar school bus stop lights is relatively inexpensive, according to Adopt-A-Watt founder Thomas A. Wither. For instance, he said, all 50 solar lights in the Taylor district could be sponsored for the average yearly cost of a single highway billboard in Metro Detroit.

"City officials enjoy a great working relationship with the Taylor Board of Education and the Superintendent's office," said Mayor Cameron G. Priebe. "The Adopt-A-Watt Program is a win-win situation for everyone. The program generates energy, thus reducing energy costs and the carbon footprint. Meanwhile, corporate sponsorship creates publicity for local businesses and promotes goodwill in the community."

Taylor School District Superintendent Bethany Iverson added, "Taylor schools are proud to partner with the City on the Adopt-A-Watt program. It's great for the environment, important for our city, and a wonderful addition for our schools and the safety of our students."

Modeled after the successful Adopt-A-Highway acknowledgment program, the patent-pending National Adopt-A-Watt Program gives sponsors community recognition for funding clean energy, alternative fuel, and energy-efficiency projects. Adopt-A-Watt is a Royal Oak-based company that recruits corporate sponsors to pay a fee for solar panels or solar lights. The panels or lights are erected in a city and a sign is posted with the name of each sponsor.

Sponsoring opportunities for solar school bus stop lights are now available in Taylor. For more information about sponsorship, visit www.adopt-a-watt.com. □

Taylor Hosts Junior League World Series

For the 29th straight year, baseball fans will welcome the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old players from around the world to Taylor's Heritage Park for the Junior League World Series.

Opening ceremonies – free to attend – are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 15. (See schedule below.)

Games get under way at noon on Sunday, August 16. Four games will be held that day and on each of the next four days.

The opening round consists of pool play in which the five American teams compete in round-robin format against one another, while the five international teams do the same in a separate group. The top two teams in the International Pool play for the International championship at 5 p.m. Friday, August 21. The top two teams in the other pool play for the USA championship at 8 p.m. The two final teams play for the world championship at 5 p.m. Saturday, August 22.

The Junior League World Series is considered the “big brother” of the Little League World Series held annually in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Little League series attracts the best teams of 11- and 12-year-old players.

Taylor has hosted the Junior League World Series since its inception in 1981. At that time, the teams were limited to 13-year-olds. Once the division expanded to include 14-year-olds, it opened up the tournament to every nation that has Junior League baseball.

“All of the teams coming to Taylor are already champions,” said Greg Bzura, the founder and director of the World Series since it began. “There will be some countries represented in the World Series for the first time ever. Some teams that historically do very well in the series will return. It will be another outstanding week of baseball.”

Which teams will be here?

At press time, the five international teams and four of the five American teams had qualified. Play in the other region was scheduled to conclude Thursday.

Teams in the International Pool will include:

- Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy, champion of the Europe/Middle East/Africa (EMEA) Region, which will make its first-ever appearance in Taylor.
- Oranjestad, Aruba, champion of the Latin America Region, which is also making its Taylor debut and attempting to succeed last year's Latin America representative from Willemstad, Curacao, in the Netherlands Antilles, as the world champion of Junior League baseball.
- Saipan of the Northern Mariana Islands, which is champion of the Asia-Pacific Region.
- Yabucoa, the national champion of Puerto Rico, which has played in Taylor six times. One resulted in a world championship in 1990.
- Coquitlam, British Columbia, which is the national champion of Canada.

Teams in the USA Pool will include:

- Scottsdale, Arizona, champion of the USA Western Regional Tournament.
- Albuquerque, New Mexico, the USA Southwestern Regional champion.
- Easley, South Carolina, the USA Southeast Regional champion.
- Jackson, New Jersey, the USA Eastern Regional champion.
- The USA Central Regional champion. Urbandale, Iowa, and Middlebury, Indiana, were the finalists in a tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Thursday.

What's new this year?

This will be the first year that nearly every JLWS game can be viewed live on the Internet at www.youthsportslive.com/SummerTournament09/LittleLeague-Tournaments.aspx. A subscription fee of \$14.95 applies.

The full schedule of games can be found at www.littleleague.org/series/2009divisions/index.htm.

As usual, the JLWS championship game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 and rebroadcast at 11 p.m. Thursday, August 27, on ESPN2.

JLWS 2009 Schedule

Saturday, August 15

- Parade of Champions, Opening Ceremonies, and Fireworks: 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

- USA South vs. USA Southwest: Noon
- Puerto Rico vs. Canada: 2:45 p.m.
- USA Central vs. USA East: 5:30 p.m.
- EMEA* vs. Asia-Pacific: 8:15 p.m.

Monday, August 17

- USA Central vs. USA West: 11 a.m.
- Latin America vs. Asia-Pacific: 2 p.m.
- Canada vs. EMEA*: 5 p.m.
- USA Southwest vs. USA East: 8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

- EMEA* vs. Puerto Rico: 11 a.m.
- USA Southwest vs. USA Central: 2 p.m.
- Canada vs. Latin America: 5 p.m.
- USA West vs. USA South: 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

- Asia-Pacific vs. Canada: 11 a.m.
- USA South vs. USA East: 2 p.m.
- USA Southwest vs. USA West: 5 p.m.
- Puerto Rico vs. Latin America: 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

- EMEA* vs. Latin America: 11 a.m.
- Puerto Rico vs. Asia-Pacific: 2 p.m.
- USA East vs. USA West: 5 p.m.
- USA South vs. USA Central: 8 p.m.

Friday, August 21

- International Championship: 5 p.m.
- USA Championship: 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 22

- Home Run Derby: TBA
- World Championship Game: 5 p.m.

*EMEA: Europe/Middle East/Africa Region

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Games are played on World Series Field in Taylor's Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road, between Goddard and Northline roads). Admission is \$5 per carload per day or \$10 per car for the entire series.

For updates, visit the City Web site: www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries. □

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Around Romulus ... Around Taylor



With its historic design, the beautiful new clock at 5 Points – an “entryway feature” purchased by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority – has people saying, “It looks like it’s always been there,” according to DDA Director Maria Lambert. The clock was erected on July 16. Photo by R. E. Kadau



The 7- and 8-year-old Taylor Northwest All-stars from the Taylor Northwest Little League emerged as champions of a 15-team, season-ending district tournament. They are: (from left) front – Josh Odor, Austin Hall, and Dominick Nino; middle – Allen Woodward, Eric Smith, Sammy DiCicco, Matt Bzura, Brent Wright, Nasir Frederick, Charlie Naylor, Trevor Thomas, Ben Clark, and Matt Groat; back – District 5 Administrator Sharon Mayer, Taylor Northwest President Lanny Hall Sr., Manager Joe Groat, Coach Sam DiCicco, Coach Daryl Thomas, and Taylor Northwest Farm Division Vice President Joe Lashuay.



After eight years of being among the top contenders, three men and three women from Taylor combined to win their first Mud Volleyball Tournament at last month’s Taylor Summertime Fun Festival at Heritage Park. The 2009 champion Dirt Diggers are: (from left) front – Melissa Robaczky, Janine Anderson, and Brittney Proctor; back – Ryan Meharry, Corey Proctor, and Brent Proctor.

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Romulus Elementary	32200 Beverly Road	734-532-1453
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Romulus Board Office	36540 Grant Road	734-532-1600

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Enrollment process:

Enrollment forms may be obtained **now** at any of the buildings listed above.

Beginning August 17, 2009 through August 28, 2009:

Parent/legal guardian must be present at time of enrollment with the following:

Child's birth certificate

Child's immunization records

Proof of custody (if parent's name is not listed on child's birth certificate)

For questions, please call 734-532-1600



Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 21.

Belleville

Historic French Landing Dam and Powerhouse Tour

In 1924-1925, the Detroit Power and Light Company built a dam across the Huron River in Van Buren Township at French Landing, creating Belleville Lake. This operating dam is rarely open to the public, so don't miss this chance to take an inside, guided tour and see it in action!

The tour will be offered on Saturday, August 29*, from noon to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for age 16 and over and \$5 for ages 6-15; ages 5 and under admitted free.

Tickets for the tour are available at the Belleville Area Museum (405 Main Street), Van Buren Township Hall (46425 Tyler Road), Belleville City Hall (6 Main Street), Fred C. Fischer Library (167 4th Street), and Barber Bob's (151 Main Street), or by calling Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township historian, at 734-697-3662.

*Rain date: Sunday, August 30

New Boston

St. Stephen School Taking Applications for Applefest Craft Show

St. Stephen School (18834 Huron River Drive) is currently seeking applicants for its annual Applefest Craft Show, to be held Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Booth rental is \$70 for both days. Electricity and tables will be available for an additional charge. Both direct sellers and crafters are welcome.

Call Maria (734-753-5999) or Gina (734-941-3527) for information.

Romulus

Romulus Democratic Club Meets

The Romulus Democratic Club usually meets at the UAW Hall, Local 174 (29841 Van Born Road) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Next meeting date: August 19.

New members welcome.

Fun In The Park

Come and enjoy playing in your neighborhood park! The program, set for August 24-28, will feature games, arts & crafts, prizes, and more for kids ages 5 to 12.

Morning (10 a.m. to noon) and afternoon (1 to 3 p.m.) sessions will be held according to the following schedule:

- Monday: Park #1 (morning) and Beverly McAnally Park (afternoon);
- Tuesday: Merriman Park (morning) and Halecreek School (afternoon);
- Wednesday: Fernandez Park (morning) and Mt. Pleasant School (afternoon);
- Thursday: Mary Ann Banks Park (morning) and Barth School (afternoon); and
- Friday: Jimmy Raspberry Park (morning) and Elmer Johnson Park (afternoon).

Cost is \$2 per person. Preregistration is required.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books for future discussions include:

- *Something To Kill For* by Susan Holtzer (September 14),
- *The Shack* by William P. Young (October 12), and
- *What Was Lost* by Catherine O'Flynn (November 9).

Pig Roast, Barn Dance, & Bonfire

St. Aloysius Catholic Church (11280 Ozga Street) is planning a Pig Roast, Barn Dance, & Bonfire on Saturday, September 26, from 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Highlights of the event will include a dinner of pulled pork, baked potato, corn on the cob, cole slaw, dessert, and drink (5 to 8 p.m.), as well as live entertainment featuring Channel 6 (7 to 11 p.m.). Guests should bring their own lawn chairs to sit around the evening bonfire. A cash bar will serve beer and wine.

Dinner tickets (limited to 250) will be sold in advance at the parish office and after weekend liturgies for a cost of \$13; dinner tickets may also be sold at the door for \$15. Tickets for admission without dinner are \$5 each.

For information, call 734-941-5056.

Weekly Flea Markets, Cruise Nights

Weekly events at Juliann's Coney Island (30763 Eureka Road) benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund while offering free fun for participants.

The first, a parking-lot flea market, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Free spaces are available to all on a first-come/first-served basis.

A second fund-raiser, Cruise Night (aka Hot Rods, Hogs, and Dogs), is sure to become a summer favorite for people who like one or more of the titled offerings. Highlights of the events, held each Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., include DJ music, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles.

For information, call 734-942-7965.

BINGO Volunteers Needed

Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth is looking for volunteers to help with the Frank Ayers Memorial BINGO benefit for the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. The three-day event – set for Pumpkin Fest weekend (September 18-20) – will be held at the Senior Center.

For information, call 734-941-0616

(Wadsworth) or 941-3466 (Joe Ozog).

Taylor

"Preserve It Yourself"

Upcoming summer enrichment classes offered by the Taylor Conservatory Foundation include "Preserve It Yourself." The classes – held at the William Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy Street) – will introduce participants to the pleasures of preserving fresh garden bounty to enjoy all year. Participants will get free recipes and take home a jar of homemade goods.

The remaining preservation class dates and titles are:

- August 20 - Pressure and Water Bath Canning (6 to 8:30 p.m.), and
- September 17 - Freezing and Dehydrating Techniques (6 to 8:30 p.m.).

The cost is \$15 per class.

For information, or to register, call the Taylor Conservatory at 888-383-4108.

Firefighters Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Taylor Firefighters Ball, set for the evening of Saturday, September 12, at the All Saints Knights of Columbus hall (24900 Brest Road).

The event is presented by Taylor Professional Firefighters Local 1252. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be an open bar and door prizes. The grand prize is a \$1,000 vacation package.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets, call Sam DiCicco at 734-374-1388 or 313-363-0654.

Early ticket purchase is recommended, as the event sells out annually.


New Farmer's Market Now Open

The rapidly growing Taylor Farmers Market, located outside the Sheridan Community Center at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road), is open from noon to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Featured products include produce, plants, crafts, and artisan items.

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PSCU Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships

Ten students, who were also members of Public Service Credit Union, were each awarded a \$1,000 Higher Education Scholarship by PSCU. A special awards reception was held at the credit union's main branch in Romulus last Thursday, where seven of the recipients braved severe thunderstorms to attend along with family and friends as well as members of the scholarship committee, PSCU executive staff, and PSCU board directors. The reception had been planned on the third floor of the administration building, but, thanks to a power outage, the recipients and family members celebrated in the branch lobby, which was powered by generator.

Winners were: Christopher Bellant of Detroit, Kimberly Burl of Detroit, Samina Haq of Romulus, Amber Lawrence of Detroit, Kelly Lewis of Southfield, McArthur Posey of Detroit, Gregory Prusiewicz of Dearborn Heights, Theresa Windom of Romulus, Matthew Wojciechowski of New Baltimore, and

Ashley Wright of New Boston.

The committee received nearly 50 applications from the membership of PSCU, and chose winners based on a combination of academic record, volunteer service, recommendations, and a personal essay. Applicants were not just high school seniors, but also non-traditional students pursuing their higher education goals.

"All the applicants demonstrated a strong commitment to their educational goals, but when the scholarship committee looked at them, they also were looking for demonstrated strength of character and a commitment to community — all values that credit unions advocate," said Dean Trudeau, President and CEO of Public Service Credit Union. "In fact, all the applicants were excellent this year, and had a mixture of the elements that we were looking for, making this year one of the toughest to judge."

For more information on PSCU, visit www.pscunow.com. □

City Management Association Presents Scholarships to 2 Taylor Truman Grads



Scott Martin (left), president of the Taylor Governmental Managers and Administrative Employees Association, and Taylor City Councilman Butch Ramik (right) congratulated Ryan Smith and Lindsey Talley, who were presented with TGM & AEA scholarships during the June 16 council meeting.

Taylor Gets \$3 Million for Sound Wall

Mayor Cameron G. Priebe has announced that the City of Taylor is the beneficiary of a \$3-million award in Federal Stimulus Money for the creation of a sound wall along the I-94 Freeway at Telegraph Road. The project is slated to begin construction this fall.

The funds are the result of a City of Taylor request for stimulus money from December 3, 2008. The funds will be sent directly from the Federal government to the State of Michigan.

"I am proud to say that the City of Taylor was ahead of the curve, applying for stimulus money even before the new President was sworn in," said the mayor, who made his announcement at the August 4 council meeting.

According to Priebe, the former City administration and council approved Taylor's participation of \$3 million for the project on August 20, 2002. Priebe's administration has been seeking relief from the commitment since November 2007.

"We met with the State many times in an attempt to get some relief from the commitment; the stimulus plan was the relief we needed," he said.

"I was disappointed when I learned of this \$3-million problem when taking office in 2005, but a contract is a contract. We agreed to do it," Priebe continued. "It turns out to be a win-win situation. The residents get the sound wall they need and the City of Taylor is off the hook for an earlier commitment we were struggling to meet."

Mayor Priebe praised Joseph Nardone, the City's executive director of development services, who requested the stimulus money on behalf of the city and coordinated the application process with his staff.

The Mayor also thanked U.S. Representative John D. Dingell, State Representative Douglas Geiss, and State Senator Raymond Basham, along with Governor Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, and the Michigan Department of Transportation, including Director Kirk Steudle, and Kim Avery, manager of the Taylor Transportation Service Center.

"On behalf of all of our residents — those who will benefit from the sound wall and those taxpayers who are relieved of the financial burden — thank you to all who helped," Mayor Priebe said. □

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The City of Taylor's management association has presented its seventh annual scholarships to two deserving high school graduates from Taylor.

The Taylor Governmental Managers and Administrative Employees Association (TGM & AEA) presented the \$750 scholarships to Lindsey Talley and Ryan Smith, both 2009 graduates of Harry S. Truman High School. The scholarships were formally awarded on June 16 during the Taylor City Council meeting.

Lindsey Talley has been accepted at Oakland University, University of Michigan—Dearborn, and Grand Valley State University. She plans to attend Oakland University in the fall to pursue a degree in marketing/business, and one day continue on to law school.

While attending Truman, Lindsey was active in varsity cheerleading, and was the Student Council president and a homecoming court member. An honor roll student, Lindsey served on Mayor Cameron G. Priebe's Youth Advisory Council and volunteered for the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry in Taylor.

Lisa Arseneau, a language-arts teacher at Truman, said Lindsey is "a charismatic young lady with a positive, outgoing outlook on life. ... She is a natural organizer, delegating responsibilities to group members so the project got done. ... I believe

Lindsey to be a mature, dependable young adult ready to face the challenges of today."

Ryan Smith has been accepted at Michigan State University, Wayne State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, U of M Dearborn, Grand Valley State, and Oakland University. He plans to attend Wayne State to pursue a degree in biology/pre-med.

While attending Truman, Ryan earned a spot as captain of the varsity baseball and soccer teams. He has been a National Honor Society member for four years, and was active in Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, the high school's Youth and Government Club, National Helpers Organization, and Student Council.

Jerry Abraham, guidance counselor at Truman, described Ryan as "a role model [who is] extremely respected by both his peers and teachers. ... He has a wide range of hobbies and talents, including playing the saxophone, organizing special events, and participating in sports and staying healthy. ... Ryan has been involved in many community outreach service projects. ... He is an asset to Truman High School and to the entire Taylor community."

The Taylor Governmental Managers and Administrative Employees Association is composed of City department heads, directors, managers, and administrative employees. In 2003, TGM & AEA members voted to demonstrate their community pride by using their own funds to form the scholarship program. Two \$750 scholarships are awarded annually, typically to Taylor residents from area high schools.

A committee of TGM & AEA members reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the executive board. Linda Brenzel, Megan Etue, Dean Philo, and Scott Martin were the 2009 application reviewers.. □

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6 Win Medals at Senior Olympics

Six senior citizens representing the Romulus Senior Center won medals at the annual Downriver Senior Olympics held earlier this month. Medalists included:

- Frank Carmichael (bocce ball – silver; shuffleboard – silver)
- Mickey Durham (football throw – silver; soccer kick – silver; softball throw – bronze)
- Eileen James (darts – gold; softball throw – silver)
- Karen Linebaugh (pinochle – gold)
- Katherine McCraight (darts – silver)
- Joseph Ozog (pinochle – bronze)

- John Bogacz (euchre – gold)
- Charles Bowers (basketball shoot – bronze)
- James Burgett (horseshoes – bronze)
- Buffy Cody (golf/best ball – gold)
- Howard Cohen (billiards – gold; swim/breaststroke – gold; swim/freestyle – gold; basketball shoot – bronze; soccer kick – bronze; swim/backstroke – bronze)
- Shirley Doom (frisbee throw – gold)
- Valery Eckert (bowling – gold)
- Arthur Fenske (ping-pong – gold)
- Richard Fobar (golf/closest to pin – gold; euchre – bronze; golf/best ball – bronze; ping-pong – bronze)
- Rick Goodlow (basketball shoot – silver; football throw – silver; billiards – bronze; soccer kick – bronze)
- Mary Guita (golf/best ball – gold)
- Joan Hastings (golf/best ball – silver)
- Melinda Hylton (bowling – gold; ping-pong – gold)
- Mary Krzeczowski (bocce ball – gold; football throw – gold; softball throw – gold; ping-pong – bronze)
- Bobby McCoy (golf/best ball – silver)
- Judith Potvin (ballroom dancing – gold)
- Lowell Potvin (ballroom dancing – gold)
- Valinda Pudelek (golf/best ball – gold)
- Robert Reynolds (darts – gold; ping-pong – bronze)
- Jan Schertzer (golf/best ball – bronze/ hole in one)
- John Sterbenz (basketball shoot – gold; soccer kick – gold; tennis – gold)
- Jack Stewart (golf/best ball – silver)
- Donald Walter (basketball shoot – silver; horseshoes – silver; frisbee throw – bronze)
- Gerald Weatherholt (golf/best ball – bronze)
- Patrick Woolley (football throw – bronze; softball throw – bronze)
- Sharon Zitnik (golf/best ball – bronze)

Senior Day Picnic

The Ford Senior Activity Center's Senior Day Picnic – open to Taylor residents only – will be held on Thursday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will feature a pancake breakfast prepared by Taylor firefighters; a traditional picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings; and a variety of entertainments, including music by Solitaire, karaoke, and many games/contests.

Preregister no later than Friday, August 21. Cost is \$5 per person.

A Funny Thing Happened ...

The Senior Center is planning a trip to see the Southgate Community Players' production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. The bus will depart at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 11, and return at approximately 10 p.m.

Cost is \$17 plus dinner at Sabina's. Advance registration is required. □

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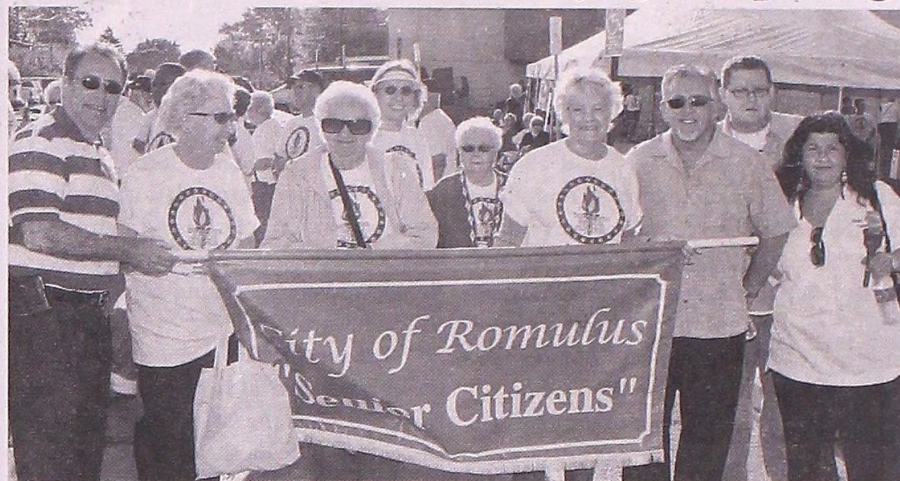
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28 Win Medals at Senior Olympics

Twenty-eight senior citizens representing the Ford Activity Center won medals at the annual Downriver Senior Olympics held earlier this month. Medalists included:

- Dorothy Amato (golf/best ball – bronze)
- Thomas Barbour (ping-pong – silver; darts – bronze)

Romulus Seniors Walk in Olympics Opening



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (left) and Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (third from right) joined Romulus seniors, City staff members and volunteers for the annual Downriver Senior Olympics' opening ceremonies, held in Gibraltar on Monday, August 3. Photo by R. E. Kadau

Obituaries

Diana M. Burek

Diana M. Burek of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at the age of 64.

The daughter of the late Winford and Diane (Jines) Netro was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, July 12, 1945.

Diana was raised in Belleville, Michigan, and graduated from Belleville High School in 1963. She was a very generous, kind, social person who had many friends and enjoyed spending time with them.

Surviving Diana are her daughter, Annette (Paul Jr.) Apsley (Romulus); a grandson, Spencer Apsley (Romulus); 3 brothers, George (Sandy) Cooley (Westland, MI), Winford Netro, Jr. (Kingsport, TN), and Daniel Leach (Lakeland, TN); 2 sisters,

Angela Netro (Belleville) and Gloria Netro (North Olmsted, OH); and foster siblings Albert (Mona) Chudzinski (Dundee, MI) and Mary Townsend (Belleville).

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, Robert L. Burek; a daughter, Roberta Burek; and a foster brother, Donald Chudzinski.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 30, at St. Alfred Catholic Church (Taylor, MI), with Father Henry Sands acting as officiant. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for later designation. □

David Allan Hardy

David Allan Hardy of Southgate, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2009, at the age of 56.

The son of the late Jack and Mitzi (Hicks) Hardy was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Monday, March 9, 1953.

David worked in the Dairy industry for over 20 years. He enjoyed golfing and was an avid Tigers baseball fan and car enthusiast. He loved spending time with his family, and they remember him as an entertaining story teller.

Surviving Dave are his daughters, Beth Hardy (Saline, MI) and Michelle Hardy (Lansing, MI); his sons, Chris (Julie) Hardy (Belleville, MI), Dan Hardy (Saline), and Brandon (Christina) Hardy (TN); 2 grandchildren, Kayla and Anna; a sister, Jackie (Larry) Robbins (Romulus, MI); and brothers Jeffrey (Amy) Hardy (Livonia, MI) and Mark Hardy (Wayne, MI).

A Funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 5, at the David C. Brown

Funeral Home (Belleville). Memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. □



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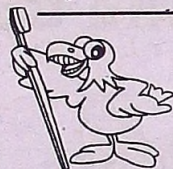
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